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ARE WE CATHEDRAL BUILDERS.

The recent announcement that an additional \$750,000 had become available for work on the new Cathedral of St. John the Divine and that it is planned so to push construction as to complete the choir within three years was received with little comment.

A few weeks ago announcement was made that the choir of the new Protestant cathedral in Albany had been completed; it is a matter of only months since the great Roman Catholic Cathedral of Westminster, in London, was finished, and it is still less than a year since a bequest of \$1,000,000, toward the construction of a cathedral for Boston was recorded.

When one remembers what the former period meant to the world; how it developed architecture and nourished the arts of painting, sculpture and music; how it became connected with the guilds; how completely it absorbed the activity of the Middle Ages and, entering into the lives of the people, became an expression of national life, so that to-day we read history by the churches and find their impression on the silted to have proved more lasting and definite than any other—when we remember all this, we may well look keenly at the straws which seem to indicate that the wind of popular favor is blowing again toward the building of great fane.

GET RICH SWINDLING.

Our postal authorities are having no little trouble with the fraudulent get-rich-quick concerns operating in various parts of the country. The last campaign against them was supposed to have been in a high degree effective in a twofold way—in killing off a good many of these parasitical bodies and in bringing home to the people the folly and certain loss involved in these imitations of the methods of frenzied finance on a scale calculated to reach the clerks and wage-earners and other men and women of small incomes.

and that thousands of dupes and victims are easily attracted by any glib scoundrel who can pen a glittering circular promising a short and royal road to wealth.

It is true that persons who, with the rates of interest paid by conservative savings banks and the prices of safe investments of all kinds as a guide, nevertheless shallow promises of 150 per cent interest each year "without endangering your capital," are entitled to precious little sympathy. Yet it is the elementary duty of the state and federal authorities to make connection with such wholesale and demoralizing fraud on the credulous and ignorant a short and royal road to the penitentiary. We hope the postal authorities now working in the Philadelphia field will capture the whole gang that is believed to be interested in an endless chain of get-rich-quick schemes.

It is curious to compare these swindles with the less sensational "insurance tea schemes" that have been so popular and "successful" in Great Britain of late, and that the courts have condemned in severe terms, incidentally reflecting on the acumen and efficiency of the government insurance department. Many tea companies, "banking" on the Britisher's passion for good tea, have adopted the plan of charging high prices for their commodity—in some cases as high as 70, 80 and 90 cents a pound—and offering customers benefits in the form of pensions or large sums payable on the death of the husband. The benefits "guaranteed" are usually from 15 to 20 times greater than the contributions available could possibly yield under the most favorable conditions as to management, investment, etc. One company raised the price of tea to \$1.16 a pound, but even this did not have it from disaster and bankruptcy. And it seems that all the board of trade can do to discourage these absurd schemes is to publish the correspondence with the companies in regard to them. Even this, however, has not been done, and the press has had to undertake the task of reforming the unsound companies—altogether.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments By a Layman. Tillamook has lost its railroad. It has lost its saloons, but his majesty, Satan is ever with them. Of course we don't refer to Baker.

It may require a dispensation of Divine providence to convince some city officials that crime breeders are not indorsed by a very large number of tax payers.

When the Boston Herald solemnly talks about Boston girls thrilling that is a sign of spring.

They have built a 10-story church in New York and the staid Philadelphian thinks that is about as near heaven as the New Yorkers will ever get.

It is reported that the czar is taking steps to end the war in the far east. All the same it was Kuropatkin who took the first steps in that direction with a flying start.

It may become the sport to see the members of the beef trust sent to jail for their unlawful enterprise in endeavoring to avoid going to jail.

The heathen soul transported to Paradise presumably would not be worried by the sins of the bad man who paid the freight.

A New York commercial paper announces that there is a scarcity of small coin. Astoria has a large amount of nickels that are not working now.

One Wisconsin writer marvels that a person will chase a golf ball over a four mile course and refuse to chase a brindle cow the same distance. It, evidently has not occurred to him that a golf ball never turns the tables on you, but a brindle cow sometimes does.

Mrs. Chadwick has been sentenced to serve 10 years in the penitentiary. A New York spendthrift who once gave a \$1000 dinner at Sherry's has gone to work for \$11 a week. In Philadelphia a millionaire has been put in jail for cheating other people, and the United States senate is not in session. Why should the worthy be hopeless?

Mr. Rockefeller's salary as president of the Standard Oil Company is only \$20,000 a year. There is no reason, however, to believe that Mrs. Rockefeller will be compelled to get along with less than two girls as long as her husband is able to keep on carrying his side lines.

The Chinook Observer says: "What do you think of an artist who painted cobwebs on a ceiling so truthfully that the hired girl got herself into an attack of nervous prostration trying to sweep them down?" There may have been such an artist, but there was never such a hired girl.

Civic Improvement.

The committee on health and police, chief of police and plumbing inspector took a trip Sunday over portions of the city with a view of ascertaining the number of locations of old shacks, and also to inquire into the sanitary condition of the city. They took a list of old shacks, the names of the owners, and this week all owners of buildings which are in a dilapidated condition, will be served with a notice to remove them, and in the event of a refusal, suits will be brought, declaring them a nuisance. The committee propose to order a general cleaning up and it is very probable that all property owners will comply with the requests of the health department.

Last Hope Vanished.

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